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IMPORT TRADE BY COUNTRY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the increase in United States general imports from $1,189.8 million in August to the all-time record total of $1,391.8 million[1] in September reflected increases in imports from all areas as follows: Western Europe, from $335.2 to $417.3 million; Latin American Republics, from $280.7 to $334.2 million; dependencies of Western Europe, from $70.3 to $88.6 million; and Canada, from $249.3 to $254.4 million. Imports from "all other countries" rose from $254.4 to $297.2 million.

The Bureau pointed out that from August to September imports from both, O.E.E.C. and sterling areas countries, registered increases, the former from $322.2 to $405.4 million and the latter from $209.1 to $245.9 million. During the period, general imports from all continents increased.

Imports from Europe, accounting for a substantial part of the over-all increase of $202.0 million in general imports between August and September, rose from $341.6 to $424.7 million. Higher levels of imports from the following individual countries of this continent accounted for most of this increase: West Germany, from $66.8 to $87.3 million; United Kingdom, from $85.6 to $102.9 million; Belgium and Luzembourg, from $28.4 to $41.6 million; Norway, from $4.8 to $15.6 million; Switzerland, from $14.8 to $20.5 million; and the Netherlands, from $18.2 to $23.0 million. Imports from South America rose from $201.5 to $252.5 million as noticeable increases occurred in imports from Colombia, from $27.4 to $43.8 million; Brazil, from $70.6 to $82.1 million; Chile, from $14.7 to $21.7 million; Peru, from $7.7 to $14.7 million; and Venezuela, from $60.7 to $66.1 million.

The increase in imports from Asia, from $220.4 to $249.7 million, was due chiefly to advances in imports from Japan, from $88.4 to $99.3 million; Thailand (Siam), from $6.0 to $13.7 million; and the Republic of Indonesia, from $14.0 to $17.8 million. Partly as a result of increases in imports from the Belgian Congo, from $12.7 to $18.4 million; Ghana, from $3.7 to $7.2 million, and the Union of South Africa, from $5.9 to $8.9 million, imports from Africa increased from $40.6 to $58.8 million. Gains in imports from Canada, as noted above, and an increase in imports from the Netherlands Antilles, from $13.3 to $18.5 million, largely accounted for the rise in imports from North America, from $352.7 to $367.3 million.

An increase in imports from Australia from $17.3 to $22.5 million accounted for the increase in imports from Australia and Oceania from $33.0 to $38.7 million.

[1] In anticipation of the longshoremen's strike which started October 1, some import entries which would have normally been filed in October and included in October statistics were filed in September and included in September statistics. Information on the extent to which this "inflated" the September import figures is not available.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico, Hawaii and United States possessions is not included in this report but the import trade of Puerto Rico and Hawaii with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics.

COUNTRY DEFINITION: Though the country which should be reported in the statistics as the country of origin is defined as the country where the merchandise was grown, mined or manufactured, the country actually shown in the statistics may in a number of cases represent some other country, such as the country of purchase, lading, or the country in which mixed lots of various origin are consolidated. It follows, therefore, that imports from such merchanting or transshipment countries are likely to be overstated and imports from other countries correspondingly understated.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. They exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

EFFECT OF SAMPLING: Effective January 1958, formal entry shipments valued less than $100 and informal entry shipments valued $250 or less (less than one percent of total import value) are estimated by sampling. The estimated values are included in the area, continent, and country totals in the table. (During 1954-1957, imports valued at $250 or less reported on formal and informal entries were estimated by sampling.) The variability in the import figures due to sampling is no more than three percent or less than $50,000. The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, country definition, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 110. For complete statement, see the foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: SEPTEMBER 1959 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Value in millions of dollars. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified. General imports are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus entries into bonded warehouses. Figures for 1959 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1958 include revisions published with the December 1958 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1959. See "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures and effect thereof on the data shown.)

Continent and country[1]	September 1959	August 1959	September 1958	Monthly average 1958
Total trade	[2]1,391.8	1,189.8	1,074.0	1,065.7
Western Europe	417.3	335.2	280.7	272.0
Dependencies of Western Europe	88.6	70.3	79.6	83.3
Canada	254.4	249.3	257.7	223.0
Latin American Republics	334.2	280.7	276.0	297.6
All other countries	297.2	254.4	180.0	189.9
O.E.E.C. countries	405.4	322.2	271.8	262.0
Sterling area countries	245.9	209.1	171.9	175.9
North America	367.3	352.7	383.6	367.4
Greenland[d]	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.1
Canada (including Newfoundland and Labrador)	254.4	249.3	257.7	223.0
Miquelon and St. Pierre Islands[d]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Mexico[a]	25.6	24.8	30.8	37.9
Guatemala[a]	2.1	1.5	2.4	5.5
British Honduras[b,d]	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1
El Salvador[a]	1.7	1.0	1.6	4.0
Honduras[a]	1.3	1.1	1.4	2.3
Nicaragua[a]	0.5	0.8	0.9	1.8
Costa Rica[a]	2.3	2.2	1.9	3.0
Republic of Panama[a]	1.5	1.7	1.8	2.0
Canal Zone	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Bermuda[b,d]	0.1	0.1	(*)	0.1
Bahamas[b,d]	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.9
Cuba[a]	43.1	43.6	44.3	43.7
Jamaica[b,d]	3.8	3.6	4.0	4.4
Haiti[a]	0.9	0.6	0.8	1.9
Dominican Republic[d]	5.9	4.7	3.9	6.0
Leeward and Windward Islands[b,d]	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Barbados[b,d]	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Trinidad and Tobago[b,d]	3.4	3.2	4.3	3.9
Netherlands Antilles[d]	18.5	13.3	26.2	26.3
French West Indies[d]	(*)	(*)	0.1	(*)
South America	252.5	201.5	188.7	191.6
Colombia[a]	43.8	27.4	30.3	27.6
Venezuela[a]	66.1	60.7	68.7	74.1
British Guiana[b,d]	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.3
Surinam[d]	2.4	2.4	2.0	1.8
French Guiana[d]	0.1	...	0.2	0.1
Ecuador[a]	8.1	6.1	8.0	4.7
Peru[a]	14.7	7.7	10.0	10.2
Bolivia[a]	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7
Chile[a]	21.7	14.7	11.8	12.9
Brazil[a]	82.1	70.6	44.3	47.0
Paraguay[a]	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.6
Uruguay[a]	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.7
Argentina[a]	10.1	9.7	11.2	10.9
Falkland Islands[b,d]	...	...	...	...
Europe	424.7	341.6	285.3	277.6
Iceland[b,c,e]	1.2	0.6	1.3	0.8
Sweden[c,e]	14.1	10.5	8.9	10.4
Norway[c,e]	15.6	4.8	8.3	6.2
Denmark[c,e]	8.3	7.0	6.3	7.0

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: SEPTEMBER 1959 AND SELECTED PERIODS--Continued

Continent and country[1]	September 1959	August 1959	September 1958	Monthly average 1958
Europe—Continued				
United Kingdom[b,c,e]	102.9	85.6	78.0	72.0
Ireland (Eire)[b,c,e]	2.5	3.4	0.7	1.3
Netherlands[c,e]	23.0	18.2	20.8	15.7
Belgium and Luxembourg[c,e]	41.6	28.4	25.6	22.4
France[3,c,e]	42.5	37.8	23.7	25.0
West Germany[3,c,e]	87.3	66.8	55.8	52.5
East Germany	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.5
Austria[c,e]	5.5	4.2	3.7	3.4
Czechoslovakia	0.8	1.1	0.7	0.6
Hungary	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Switzerland[c,e]	20.5	14.8	13.8	13.0
Finland[c]	3.3	3.3	2.1	3.0
Estonia	...	...	...	(*)
Latvia	...	...	...	(*)
Lithuania	...	...	...	(*)
Poland and Danzig	2.2	2.2	1.5	2.4
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	3.6	2.3	1.9	1.5
Azores[d]	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Spain[c]	6.5	6.1	4.5	4.6
Portugal[c,e]	2.5	2.1	1.7	1.8
Gibraltar[b,d]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Malta, Gozo, and Cyprus[b,d]	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3
Italy[c,e]	34.0	34.5	20.1	22.8
Free Territory of Trieste[c,e]	...	(*)	(*)	0.1
Yugoslavia[c]	2.2	3.7	2.4	2.4
Albania	(*)	(*)	...	(*)
Greece[c,e]	1.2	0.8	0.8	3.1
Rumania	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Bulgaria	0.1	(*)	0.1	0.1
Turkey[c,e]	2.5	2.6	2.3	4.6
Asia	249.7	220.4	162.3	165.3
United Arab Republic (Syria Region)[4]	1.1	1.1	0.6	0.4
Lebanon	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3
Iraq (Mesopotamia)[b]	2.5	2.5	2.1	2.5
Iran (Persia)	4.7	4.3	2.7	3.5
Israel	2.8	2.4	1.7	1.5
Palestine	...	...	(*)	(*)
Jordan[b]	(*)	...	(*)	(*)
Kuwait[b,d]	12.5	11.9	13.0	13.9
Saudi Arabia	4.3	4.0	5.1	6.0
Arabia Peninsula States, n.e.c.	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.5
Aden[b,d]	0.1	(*)	(*)	0.1
State of Bahrein[b,d]	(*)	(*)	...	0.4
Afghanistan	0.4	0.1	0.1	1.1
India[b]	18.4	17.3	17.4	15.8
Pakistan[b]	1.9	2.3	1.4	2.2
Nepal	(*)	(*)	...	(*)
Ceylon[b]	2.3	2.3	1.6	2.3
Burma[b]	0.1	0.2	(*)	0.1
Thailand (Siam)	13.7	6.0	5.4	4.8
Viet-Nam	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.4
Laos	...	(*)	...	(*)
Cambodia	1.0	1.1	1.0	0.8
Federation of Malaya[b]	15.5	14.3	6.8	7.8
Colony of Singapore; British Borneo[5,b,d]	2.0	2.5	2.7	2.8
Republic of Indonesia	17.8	14.0	15.3	14.0
Republic of the Philippines	36.0	34.4	22.2	22.7
Macao (Macau)[d]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Portuguese Asia, n.e.c.[d]	...	(*)	0.2	(*)
Southern and Southeastern Asia, n.e.c.	...	...	(*)	(*)
China (including Manchuria)	(*)	(*)	0.1	(*)
Outer Mongolia	1.6	0.2	0.5	0.4

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Continent and country[1]	September 1959	August 1959	September 1958	Monthly average 1958
Asia—Continued				
North Korea	...	...	...	(*)
Republic of Korea	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2
Hong Kong[b,d]	9.1	7.9	4.3	4.3
Taiwan (Formosa)	1.2	1.5	1.3	0.9
Japan	99.3	88.4	55.4	55.5
Nansei and Nanpo Islands, n.e.c.	(*)	(*)	0.1	(*)
Australia and Oceania	38.7	33.0	16.0	17.3
Australia[b]	22.5	17.3	4.3	7.9
New Guinea[b]	(*)	(*)	...	(*)
New Zealand[b]	16.2	15.0	11.4	9.2
British Western Pacific Islands[b,d]	(*)	(*)	0.1	0.1
French Pacific Islands[d]	(*)	0.1	0.2	0.2
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands	(*)	0.6	...	(*)
Africa	58.8	40.6	38.0	46.5
Morocco	0.8	0.2	0.9	0.6
Algeria[d]	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Tunisia[d]	(*)	(*)	0.3	0.3
Libya[b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
United Arab Republic (Egypt Region)[6]	0.2	0.4	0.2	1.5
Sudan	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.3
Canary Islands[d]	(*)	...	(*)	(*)
Spanish Africa, n.e.c.[d]	...	...	...	(*)
Cameroon[d]	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.6
French Equatorial Africa[d]	0.4	0.3	(*)	0.3
French West Africa and Republic of Togo[7,d]	2.0	1.1	0.3	2.5
Ghana[b]	7.2	3.7	2.8	5.2
Nigeria[b,d]	2.2	2.2	0.3	1.9
British West Africa, n.e.c.[b,d]	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
Madeira Islands[d]	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.2
Angola[d]	2.9	1.0	1.1	3.1
Western Portuguese Africa, n.e.c.[d]	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1
Liberia	3.0	3.4	2.9	2.8
Belgian Congo[d]	18.4	12.7	11.7	7.9
Somaliland	0.1	0.1	(*)	(*)
Ethiopia (Abyssinia)	1.0	0.8	0.8	2.4
French Somaliland[d]	...	(*)	(*)	(*)
British Somaliland[b,d]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Seychelles and Dependencies[b,d]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Mauritius and Dependencies[b,d]	...	(*)	...	(*)
British East Africa[b,d]	4.6	3.2	3.7	3.9
Mozambique[d]	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3
Madagascar[d]	1.2	1.0	1.8	1.4
Union of South Africa[b]	8.9	5.9	8.2	8.2
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland[b]	3.5	2.1	1.3	2.7

[a]Latin American Republics. [b]Sterling area countries. [c]Western Europe. [d]Dependencies of Western Europe. [e]O.E.E.C. (Organization for European Economic Co-operation) countries. *Indicates less than $50,000. [1]For definitions of countries as used in this report, refer to current edition of Schedule C, Classification of Country Designations Used in Compiling the United States Foreign Trade Statistics.

[2]See footnote one on front page of this report. [3]The Saar included with West Germany beginning July 1958. For prior periods, the Saar is included with France. [4]United Arab Republic(Syria Region) beginning July 1958, formerly Syria. [5]Colony of Singapore; British Borneo beginning July 1958. Shown as Colony of Singapore during first half of 1958. [6]United Arab Republic (Egypt Region) beginning July 1958, formerly Egypt. [7]French West Africa and Republic of Togo beginning July 1958,formerly French West Africa.